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SUBJ: RITHAUDDEEN VISIT TO TOKYO

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 3955 B. KUALA LUMPUR 646

1. KUALA LUMPUR DAILY "NEW STRAITS TIMES" (NST) JULY 16 REPORTED THAT INFORMATION AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN WILL VISIT TOKYO JULY 21-24 TO PRESS

GOM'S CLAIM FOR DAMAGES IN JANUARY SHOWA MARU OIL SPILL INCIDENT. GOM'S CLAIM IS FOR MALAY DOLS 23 MILLION (APPROX US DOLS 10 MILLION), COVERING EXPENSES FOR CLEAN-UP, DELETERIOUS EFFECTS TO SHORELINE AND DECREASED FISHING CATCHES. IN PRESS STATEMENT JULY 15, LOCAL GOVT AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTER TAN SRI ONG KEE HUI SAID FORMAL CLAIM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE AND HE ALLEGED THAT IT WILL TAKE THREE YEARS FOR MARINE LIFE IN OIL SPILL AREA TO RETURN TO NORMAL. HE ADDED: "OUR FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING OF POOR CATCHES IN THE STRAITS" (IN OUR VIEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A SOMEWHAT DISINGENUOUS STATEMENT IN THAT THE INSHORE FISHING

INDUSTRY ON BOTH OF PENINSULAR MALAYSIA'S COASTS HAS BEEN DECLINING IN RECENT YEARS).

2. COMMENTING ON FOREGOING PRESS REPORT, JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER (TOMIKAWA) TOLD US JUNE 17 THAT HIS AMBASSADOR WAS CALLED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO TO RECEIVE DIPLOMATIC NOTE REITERATING GOM'S CLAIM FOR DAMAGES AGAINST SHOWA MARU OWNERS. TOMIKAWA REMARKED THAT NST MISCONSTRUED MATTER BY IMPLYING THAT CLAIM IS AGAINST GOJ; IN FACT, GOM IS STILL SEEKING DAMAGES FROM OWNERS AND HAS ONLY REQUESTED GOJ ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING NEGOTIATIONS AND PAYMENT.

3. TOMIKAWA ALSO CONFIRMED THAT RITHAUDEEN WILL REVIEW SOUTHEAST ASIA POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND OTHER GOJ OFFICIALS AS REPORTED REF A.
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